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Mr. Ross Chittenden Chief Department of Transportation Division of Transportation Planning Business, Transportation and Housing Agency State of California Box 942873 Sacramento, California 94273

Re: FY 05-07 FSTIP Transit Amendment 10 San Joaquin Council of Governments

Dear Mr. Chittenden:

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has completed its review of your letter dated May 13, 2005, requesting approval of the FY 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP Amendment 10 for the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG). It lists a transit element for funding by the Federal Transit Administration from the Section 5307 Program.

The amendment was developed by a process in accord with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 53. Transit Element projects are exempt from air quality conformity determination. Our finding was coordinated with the Federal Highway Administration.

This letter constitutes approval of the amendment of the Transit Element in the California Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative requirements.

If you have questions about our review, please call Lorraine Lerman, Community Planner, at (415) 744-2735.

Sincerely

Leslie Rogers

Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Steven Barhite, EPA Office of Air Planning

Ms. Mayela Sosa, FHWA, Sacramento

Ms. Julia Greene, SJCOG

Ms. Rachel Falsetti, Caltrans